

AGENCY STRATEGIC PLAN

FOR THE FISCAL YEARS

2005 – 2009



ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF RURAL SERVICES

FUNCTIONAL AREAS: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

AGENCY STRATEGIC PLAN APPROVAL FORM

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Agency Name	Arkansas Department of Rural Services
Agency Mission Statement The mission of the Arkansas Department of Rural Services is to enhance the quality of life in rural Arkansas.	

AGENCY GOAL 1:

To promote, harmonize and assist efforts to address the unique needs, conditions, and strengths of rural areas in Arkansas.

AGENCY GOAL 2:

Serve as the official point of contact for information on rural issues to the Governor, Legislature and general public.

AGENCY GOAL 3:

Serve the State as a coordinating agency for rural development providing a source of funding opportunities and human resource network to assist rural communities directly.

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Agency Name		Arkansas Department of Rural Services
Program		Rural Services Program
Program Authorization		A.C.A. 15-6-101 through 15-6-107
Program Definition: Funds-Center Code: <u>0250P01</u>		To promote rural development in Arkansas by providing administrative assistance and rural advocacy services to the citizens of rural Arkansas.
AGENCY GOAL(S) #	1	
Anticipated Funding Sources for the Program:		General Revenue, Cash

GOAL 1:

Department of Rural Services will provide comprehensive information and assistance relating to the development and revitalization of rural Arkansas communities.

OBJECTIVE 1: (Sub-Funds Center Code To be assigned by DFA – Accounting)

To serve as a clearinghouse and providing timely comprehensive information and advocacy services to agencies, individuals, or corporations engaged in rural development and revitalization programs.

STRATEGY 1:

The Department of Rural Services will administer a program providing necessary materials, supplies and adequate staff to promote cooperation and integrated efforts among agencies and programs designed to address rural needs.

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Agency Name	Arkansas Department of Rural Services
Program	Rural Services Program

PERFORMANCE MEASURES: (Effort, Output, Outcome, and/or Efficiency)

DESCRIPTION (Indicate the Goal and Objective to which applicable)	METHODS AND SOURCES USED OBTAINING DATA	FISCAL YEAR 2005	FISCAL YEAR 2006	FISCAL YEAR 2007	FISCAL YEAR 2008	FISCAL YEAR 2009
Number of prior year audit finding repeated in subsequent years. <i>Goal 1, Objective 1</i>	Audit report.	1	1	0	0	0
Number Arkansans that participate in Department conferences and workshops. <i>Goal 1, Objective 1</i>	Public meeting rosters and reports of public meeting participants.	400	425	450	475	500
Number of individuals assisted by staff with rural issues each year. <i>Goal 1, Objective 1</i>	Database tracking calls, mailers, and referrals to individuals.	600	650	700	725	750

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Agency Name		Arkansas Department of Rural Services
Program		Rural Grants Program
Program Authorization		A.C.A. 15-6-101 through 15-6-107
Program Definition: Funds-Center Code: <u>0250P02</u>		To promote rural development in Arkansas by providing eligible rural communities with grant guidelines and procedures, and to administer grant funds to those communities chosen as grant recipients.
AGENCY GOAL(S) #	1	
Anticipated Funding Sources for the Program:		General Revenue

GOAL 1:

Department of Rural Services will provide comprehensive information on available grants and award and administer those grants relating to the development and revitalization of rural Arkansas communities.

OBJECTIVE 1: (Sub-Fund Center Code To be assigned by DFA – Accounting)

Provide extensive information to rural areas of available grant funds and to administer grant funds to those communities chosen as grant recipients.

STRATEGY 1:

The Department of Rural Services will administer a program providing grants for rural community development projects.

STRATEGY 2:

The Department of Rural Services will administer a program providing grants for rural fire protection projects.

STRATEGY 3:

The Department of Rural Services will administer a program providing grants for rural county fair projects.

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Agency Name	Arkansas Department of Rural Services
Program	Rural Grants Program

PERFORMANCE MEASURES: (Effort, Output, Outcome, and/or Efficiency)

DESCRIPTION (Indicate the Goal and Objective to which applicable)	METHODS AND SOURCES USED OBTAINING DATA	FISCAL YEAR 2005	FISCAL YEAR 2006	FISCAL YEAR 2007	FISCAL YEAR 2008	FISCAL YEAR 2009
Number of rural community grants awarded. <i>Goal 1, Objective 1</i>	Agency Report – Annual Grant Awards	80	82	85	87	88
Number or rural communities assisted by Funded grants. <i>Goal 1, Objective 1</i>	Agency Report – Annual Grant Awards	110	112	115	117	119
Percentage of grants that meet financial responsibility and achieve grant objectives based on the close-out documentation review by agency. <i>Goal 1, Objective 1</i>	Post grant close-out review	75%	77%	79%	80%	81%